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## ELECTRIC PLANT AND FREE MAIL DELIVERY HERE

### Propositions Submitted to City Council for Two Worthy Projects.

The city council met Tuesday evening with the following present: Mayor L. F. Wellman, councilmen Wilson Burton, Creel and Wellman, Clerk J. G. Burns, Attorney A. J. Garred, treasurer J. B. Kinsler and Marshals Cyrus and Thompson.

The resignation of Late Cooksey as councilman was received and accepted. T. B. Billups was elected to fill his place.

Mrs. Josephine Rice resigned as assessor and Will Hale was elected.

Postmaster I. W. See was present and told the council that Louisa, being a second class postoffice, is entitled to free city delivery of mail, with two or three carriers. But before getting the service it is necessary to have the houses numbered and street signs put up at the corners. A proposition has already been received for doing this work and it will be followed up to get the lowest price. A levy of 50c for each building requiring a number will be made.

Mr. Dodge of Cincinnati, was present and presented a proposition to put in an electric light plant to supply all the lights and power needed for Louisa. The rates run from 5c to 13c per kilowatt, dependent upon the amount of current used. The proposition will come up at the next regular meeting of the council.

Mr. Dodge represents a syndicate of Cincinnati's strongest business men who are planning for investments in electric, water and gas plants in the Big Sandy valley towns.

Louisa has long needed an electric light plant large enough to take care of all demands and it is hoped this can be worked out on an equitable basis. The movement will be watched with interest by the citizens of Louisa.

## EIGHT YEARS FOR JACK BIGGS

### Carter County Man Sent Up by Lawrence Circuit Court.

The jury that tried Jack Biggs did not lose much time in making a verdict when the case was placed in its hands Thursday night of last week. "Guilty—eight years" was the decision.

This result was expected by the large number of spectators who heard the evidence. To them it seemed conclusive that Jack Biggs was active in hiring an Italian to assassinate Chas. Duval. The fact that the Dago's shots missed his intended victim really does not lessen the criminal nature of the event, but it helps the guilty ones to get somewhat lighter than otherwise would be the case. The Italian was tried in Carter county and was sentenced to eight years. Then came the indictment of four members of the Biggs family and the change of venue to Lawrence county. The other cases were continued until the next term.

Duval was acquitted of the charge of murder for killing Dr. Riggs at Olive Hill for alleged mistreatment of his daughter. The slain man was a brother of the Biggs quartette, defendants in the cases named above. The motive ascribed was revenge.

## Pipe Line is Being Extended to Catlettsburg

The Cumberland Pipe Line company is laying a four inch oil line from the pumping station four miles northwest of Louisa to Catlettsburg. It is intended to make an outlet for Lawrence and Johnson county oil to the Ohio river where it may be loaded in tank barges. Also, the new refinery just above Catlettsburg will be served by this line.

## TOM NAPIER SHOTS BROTHER AT KENOVA

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 28.—Tom Napier, 21, laborer, was shot and seriously wounded at 9:45 o'clock last night in the doorway of the Kenova jail by his brother, Harvey Napier, Kenova policeman.

The shooting, it was said, was the result of a quarrel between the two brothers over another brother, who had been lodged in jail on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The injured man was rushed to the Guthrie hospital in Huntington where every effort was being made to save his life. His condition is critical although attending physician expressed hope for his recovery.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Wm. E. Wiley, 26, to Gladys Boggs, 19, of Keaton.

Charley Thompson, 21, to Inez Webb, 14, of Port Gay.

Otis Caldwell, 20, to Laura Wellman, 21, of Blevins.

Albert Blanton, 20, to Jessie Daniel, 15, of Henrietta.

Dewey Blevins, 24, to Marie Ball, 21, of Ellen.

## An "Artist" Who Does Not Hail From Louisa

Louisa is always glad to claim credit for the boys who go out and make good, but has no desire to stand for fellows who go bad and do not belong here. The following item is in the daily newspapers. We never heard of Jack and therefore conclude that in addition to his accomplishment as an "artist" he also is an artistic liar.

New York, Sept. 30.—Slipping his hands out of handcuffs Jack Waldo, 19 years old, an artist of Louisa, Ky., today escaped from guards as he was being led into the Yorkville court to be examined on a charge of suspicion of counterfeiting. Harry Shannon, 25, years old, who said he lived in Oklahoma, and who was arrested with Waldo and John P. McGill, of Philadelphia, on the same charge Wednesday, also broke away from guards but was captured after a chase and a lively fist fight with detectives.

The three were arrested after they had presented a \$1 bill, raised to \$5, to a taxicab chauffeur. In their room on the East side detectives found fifteen alleged counterfeit bills.

## TEN YEARS ON CHARGE OF RAPE

### Cleve Pruitt Gives Bond on Murder Indictment.

Oris Jordan, age about 45, was convicted of rape by a jury in the Lawrence Circuit Court and given a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The victim was his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Miles mother of three children. Her husband was away from home. Jordan went to the house early in the night and committed the crime.

Jordan served part of a term in the West Virginia penitentiary, but was released upon the deathbed statement of a man exonerating him.

Cleve Pruitt, indicted for killing his father, Joe Pruitt, has been allowed bail in the sum of \$5,000.

Circuit court adjourned Thursday of this week.

Jack Riggs was taken to Catlettsburg to await action of the court on his appeal from the verdict of eight years for conspiring to kill Chas. Duval.

## COAL IS NOT MOVING FAST

Inefficient transportation and government regulation are retarding the movement of coal to the markets. Mines do not get enough cars to keep them going more than a fourth of the time. The government orders have been modified to some extent, but there is a shortage of good locomotives and cars. One of the most acute shortages of cars that the country has ever known is now upon us.

Henry Ford gave out a statement last week advising people to not buy coal, stating that there is no shortage and that there is enough coal above the ground to supply all needs. This, of course untrue, but thousands of people are taking Henry's advice and many of them will pay up for it next year by paying higher prices than prevail now.

## DICK LAMB KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Pikeville, Sept. 28.—Dick Lamb, of Ratliff's creek, was killed early this morning when the auto he was driving left the road on Ratliff's creek mountain and turned over several times.

In the car with Lamb at the time were his father, Dow Lamb and his brother, Arthur Lamb, neither of whom was seriously hurt.

The three men who were on their way to work in the vicinity of Pikeville were immediately picked up by another car and brought here for medical attention where Dick Lamb expired within a few minutes.

The deceased is survived by his wife and five children.

His seven year old son was the victim of a tragic death from a rolling stone near his home on Ratliff's creek a few months ago.—Ashland Independent.

## CHAS. J. HOWES WILL RUN FOR SEC. OF STATE

Charles J. Howes, Paintsville, has definitely announced that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State. Mr. Howes was the Chief Clerk of the House at the last session of the Legislature and is widely known all over Kentucky. His entry makes the second from Eastern Kentucky as Mrs. Mary E. Flannery, Catlettsburg, has stated that she would seek the nomination for Secretary of State.

## LOTS FOR SALE.

We desire to call attention to an advertisement in this issue by Webb Holt and H. W. Bussey, offering some desirable lots for sale in the Northup addition to Louisa. It will pay you to read this and to follow it up with an investigation.

## CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH NAMES PASTORS

### Annual Session of Kentucky Conferences Makes Appointments for Year.

Barbourville, Ky., October 2.—Assignment of ministers of the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was announced here today at the conclusion of the annual conference.

R. A. Young, district missionary, Southeastern district.

Ashland District:

S. K. Hunt, district superintendent.

Advance, Isaiah Cline.

Ashland, First Church, E. R. Overly.

Second Church, V. E. Fryman.

Catlettsburg, W. B. Foley.

East Mayesville, R. M. Harrison.

Elkhorn City, M. A. Peters.

Gallup, G. J. Foley.

Germanstown, John R. Howes.

Greenup, A. S. Godby.

Louisa, John Cheap.

Martin, to be supplied.

Mayesville, Worth S. Peters.

Mt. Olivet, Newton King Jr.

Olive Hill, Alexander Kenner.

Paintsville, E. J. Rees.

Paintsville Circuit, T. C. Morris.

Pikeville, A. H. Davis (J. C. Rice).

Russell, O. W. Robinson (F. H. Dowdy).

Salt Lick, S. B. Wardrip.

Salisbury, to be supplied.

Sardinia, J. F. Hopkins.

Tolshoro, J. H. Burden.

Vanceburg, U. F. Felts.

Vanceburg Circuit, S. H. Godby.

Wellington, J. O. Sparks.

Wolfpit, T. B. Ashby.

Miss Clara Bridges and Mrs. Mattie B. Rice, missionaries.

Coving-Lexington District:

Main Street, T. B. Stratton.

Trinity, P. E. Trent.

Ladlow, W. H. Davenport.

Gray, N. G. Griswald.

LOUISA AND THE

NORMAL SCHOOL

All Requirements Met.

Large Gifts Available

Here, but Not for

Morehead.

Louisa met the conditions laid down by the law and the commission appointed to select the site for the new State Normal School and she met them before the time of the Lexington meeting in June, as demanded by the notices sent to all towns applying for the school. We acted in good faith and put over the big job. With the exception of a very few citizens there was thorough co-operation and many sacrifices were assumed to carry thru the great enterprise. Some of the other towns have not yet complied with the requirements, according to reports from an investigation made along this line.

There is some credit due Louisa for making this kind of a showing. We honestly believe Louisa has advantages as a school town over any of its competitors. These facts have been recited and repeated in our columns until we feel that it is no longer necessary or desirable to describe them.

We deem it proper, however, to again refer to the accessibility of Louisa to the eastern and northeastern counties of Kentucky. The Norfolk & Western railroad skirts the border for 150 miles, from the southeast side of Pike county to Greenup. It is the only outlet for the eastern part of Pike, the largest county in the state. Practically all of Martin county comes out that way and a part through Richardson on the C. & O. 17 miles from Louisa on the line leading to this place. The C. & O. traverses the valley from end to end, branching out at Ashland into two lines, one to Central Kentucky and the other through the Ohio river counties.

If the school should be located at Louisa the Rockefeller Foundation would make it an institution of which the State would justly be proud.

To locate the school at Morehead means the loss of a quarter million or half million dollars gift money from outside the State.

The school at Morehead would necessarily be only a little "one gallus" affair, struggling along and begging each Legislature for a little money—and rarely ever getting any. Kentucky Legislatures don't give much money to state schools and when they do the Governor sometimes vetoes it. The buildings offered by Morehead as its contribution are not adequate or desirable. How would the school get money to build what is needed?

What would the people of Kentucky say to those responsible for the loss of \$250,000 or more and the infliction of another pauper institution upon them?

It does not seem reasonable that any body of men would assume such a responsibility, and therefore we shall refuse to believe they are going to do it until it shall have been done.

## NEW HOTEL PROPRIETOR.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arnold have taken charge of the Louisa Inn. They came here from Pikeville, from which point Mr. Arnold has been working as a traveling salesman. They come to Louisa with good recommendations.

## He Is Ushering War Back Into Europe.



The most recent picture of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of Turkish troops who defeated the Greeks and dragged England into a new war in defense of Constantinople and the Dardanelles. Kemal Pasha has proved himself to be a military genius.

## The Normal School and The Big Sandy Valley

The Ashland Daily Independent continues its good fight for the location of the new Eastern Kentucky State Normal School in the Big Sandy Valley. The following article is taken from that paper:

"In keeping with its plan to give the public full details of the merits of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School location question, the Independent is offering today a presentation of the facts which should govern the commission in its impending selection from a somewhat different angle.

It has already been shown that the Kentucky Educational Survey Commission, appointed by the governor under an act of the legislature of 1920, specifically recommended the location of the new Eastern Kentucky Normal School in the valley of the Big Sandy.

It was also clearly pointed out that the "General Educational Board of New York City," more popularly known as the "Rockefeller Foundation," not only fully concurred in the action of the educational commission, but stood committed to a donation of \$250,000 to the school, in the event that the recommendations as to location and plan were carried out. This donation is expressly not made available in the event that the school is placed at Morehead.

The responsibility of choosing the site of the school placed upon the commission recently appointed, is a heavy one.

They have however, the distinct advantage of having the exhaustive report of the 1920 commission before them. From it they can gain information prepared by a corps of experts, which they cannot secure by reason of their own efforts. Should they disagree with the decisions of those experts, they should at least be prepared to give to the people of Kentucky good and sufficient reason for such disagreement. They must go back of the detailed information given in the report of the commission and prove erroneous the facts upon which that report was based.

Especially is this true if they should choose for reasons of their own, to select a location for the Eastern Normal School which is not only not in the Big Sandy Valley, but which would be of no more educational advantage to the population of that valley than would result if the establishment of the school were abandoned entirely. The basic facts behind their decision and reports are then the material which it is hoped that this article will bring clearly before an interested public.

All students of the question have agreed as to the necessity of the new Normal Schools as expressed in the report of the Survey Commission: "Under no circumstances should they at the outset be standard Normal Schools. They should be designed to prepare teachers for the rural schools of the respective districts. A simple single, course of study not more than three years in length for elementary school entrants would for the present suffice; but the course should be made thorough as far as it goes and should from the first to last be controlled by the needs of rural teachers. A graduate desiring to advance further should be admitted at Richmond or Bowling Green and should be able to complete an advanced course in two years."

In brief, as far as our section of the state is concerned, this school is to be suited to the needs of the young mountain men and women who are to fill the place of teachers in the rural schools of the mountain counties. Let us consider first the territory which the school is to serve.

A brief study of any good railroad map of Kentucky will reveal the fact that the mountain districts of the state are served by three main lines of railroad, which offer at present the only means for continuous travel for any distance. There are the L. & N. which cuts into the southeastern Kentucky by way of Corbin and which furnishes connection between that section of the mountains and the eastern and northeastern counties only by a roundabout and impractical route the Lexington division of the C. & O. which connects Lexington and Ashland and which serves the counties of Boyd, Carter and Rowan; and the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. which is the nearest railroad line in the state for the people of Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd and Pike counties.

It is obvious that the new Normal School which is to serve this section

must be placed upon one of these railroad lines. In determining the commission of experts during their survey to recommend the Sandy Valley several very obvious facts played a part.

The L. & N. territory was at once eliminated because it could serve only a corner of this section without giving prospective students a chance to reach a location without much more of a journey than would at present be required to reach Richmond. It is possible for the people of Carter, Rowan, Menifee, Morgan and Elliott counties to reach Morehead on the Lexington division of the C. & O. with as great ease and facility as they could enjoy by traveling to any other point. According to the 1920 census, the total population of these counties was 63,125.

In the Sandy Valley there are entirely and exclusively dependent upon the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. for railway outlet into the state the following counties: Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd and Pike. Their aggregate population was 135,682. And while the population of the Lexington division territory mentioned above has had no unusual increase during the past two years the Sandy Valley through the development of its rich resources, has received thousands of new inhabitants.

The river counties of Boyd, Greenup and Lewis could send their young prospective teachers with almost equal ease to either point.

It is unfortunately true that the location of the school at Morehead would place it practically out of reach of the large and growing population of the upper Sandy Valley. It would be necessary for the prospective student to come to Ashland and after a long wait travel back into the state on a parallel line with the valley down which he had just traveled. True, a similar although smaller difficulty would face the native of Rowan or Menifee counties, should the school be located even in the lower Sandy Valley, but, in the face of the comparative population data just given, the only admissible plan would be the adoption of the rule "the greatest good to the greatest number."

Thus have been briefly compared the possible locations for the school and the reason which in all probability prompted the survey commission appointed by the governor to recommend the establishment of the school in the Sandy Valley. And who in the face of the facts just quoted, could fairly decide otherwise and best informed of our public servants, reasonably disagree, with that obviously correct decision?

We shall not discuss at this time the comparative merits and shortcomings of the towns which have offered themselves as locations. Their claims have been openly presented and criticized. The object of this particular article does not lead into these matters. It seems only to put before the public and the gentlemen of the Normal School site commission the facts and figures given, with a respectful request from the people of Eastern Kentucky that they answer fully and publicly the question put at the conclusion of the preceding paragraph.

Nor is it the intention of this article to conclude with hasty and heated refutation of current reports which questions strongly the integrity of the intention of some of the school site commission members. But should favor of Morehead as a site without satisfactory and sufficient answer, publicly made, to the questions put above, the public must perforce arrive at a conclusion, which events in Western Kentucky and developments in connection with the expected decision here have already brought perilously near.

(The above article omits the important N. & W. railroad outlet for Martin county and eastern Pike county.—Ed.)

## LAWRENCE FISCAL COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The regular semi-annual term of fiscal court convened Tuesday with Magistrates R. W. Vinson, Sam Butler, M. V. Frasier, Silas Jobs, Add Skeens, M. B. Shortridge, Parish Sparks and Warren Castle present. On account of the illness of Judge Sparks, R. W. Vinson was elected to preside.

The consideration of claims is the chief business before the court.

## DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO WILLARD L. HAYS

### Louisa Oil Contractor Passes Away on the Road to his Work.

The body of Willard L. Hays was found on top of a hill in Magoffin county, near Falcon, last Friday morning. It was evident that he had died nearly two hours before the body was discovered. Heart trouble or apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause.

He had left the house where he and his wife were living, after eating heartily of breakfast, and being apparently in good health. He went alone and climbed a steep hill, on his way to oversee the work of moving an oil rig. His son, Will, and other men were waiting for him when S. S. Fisher discovered the body and called to the son, who was not far away.

The body was brought to Louisa Saturday morning and was taken to the home of M. F. Conley, where the funeral was held on Sunday. The burial took place in Pine Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The funeral was conducted by the Masonic fraternity, as Mr. Hays was a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Knights Templar. The Ashland Commandery sent four escorts and a beautiful floral offering. Dr. Jernigan preached a very appropriate sermon. There was a large audience present to pay respects to the deceased and to comfort the bereaved. Many flowers were sent by friends here and elsewhere in testimony of the high esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Hays is survived by the wife, two daughters, Mrs. Jake Thompson and Mrs. Arthur Staley, and two sons, Will and Homer, the latter 19 years old, the youngest of the family. Also, his father, Ezekiah Hays, and three sisters and seven brothers survive.

Mr. Hays was a successful oil well contractor, of the firm of Hays & Muncey. For two years or more they had been drilling for the Petroleum Exploration company in Magoffin county. Previous to that he had completed contracts for the same company in Lee county. He knew his business thoroughly, having worked his way up from the bottom. His reputation for honesty was of the highest order. He moved to Louisa several years ago from Floyd county. His wife died not long afterward. In April, 1921, he married Miss Annie Skeens, of Louisa. He was in his 47th year at the time of his death, and is the first one of his father's large family to be taken. He had always been a strong man and his death came very unexpectedly and was a great shock to family and friends.

## NORMAL SCHOOL BODY TO CONVENE

### O'Rear Is to Call a Meeting of State Commission in a Few Days.

The Courier-Journal of Wednesday says:—A meeting of the Normal School Commission will be called in the next few days, Judge E. C. O'Rear, chairman, said last night over long distance telephone.

Alex G. Barret of Louisville and Judge Earl W. Senn of Mt. Sterling, who inspected the five sites offered at Murray for the new Western School, will make their report to the commission at this meeting. Discussion of the towns for the new Eastern School probably will be renewed. The commission adjourned September 1 with the vote 4 and 4 for Morehead and Paintsville.

That the new Eastern School will lose a possible gift of \$250,000 from the General Education Board unless the school is placed in the Big Sandy Valley is the belief of George Colvin, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The General Education Board appropriated \$15,000 to Kentucky for expenses in connection with an educational survey, Mr. Colvin said.

The General Education Board's representative, Dr. Frank P. Bachman, drew up the original Normal School bill and spent fifteen months in Kentucky investigating the educational needs of the State. Mr. Colvin believes the State will lose the board's possible appropriation unless it selects a town in the Big Sandy Valley, as recommended by the survey commission.

North Carolina received \$800,000 from the General Education Board after it had made a survey of the State. Mr. Colvin said, and he believed Kentucky would be given at least \$500,000 for educational purposes, although nothing definite has been announced.

## Lack of Water is Stopping Oil Well Work

The extremely dry weather is interfering with oil development in the Blaine field. The creeks are dry and it is impossible to get water for the boilers of the drilling outfits. Another trouble is the shortage of casing and tubing. Railroad embargoes have prevented the shipment of pipe.

The Union Gas & Oil Company and the Cumberland are doing the best they can to keep going, but have been compelled to shut down some of the rigs.